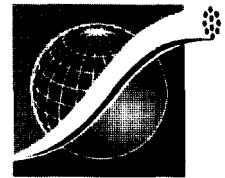


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Re: Independent Networks  
CC Docket No. 96-45  
Section 54.809 Carrier Certification

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 54.809 of the Commission's Rules, Independent Networks, a competitive local exchange carrier certified by the Iowa Commission as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Armstrong wire center (CLLI-ARMSIAXODSO), hereby certifies that all interstate access universal service support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

For your convenience, attached is a copy of Independent Networks line count information, which is concurrently being filed with USAC pursuant to Section 54.802 (a) of the Commission's Rules.

Please contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Kroesche*

Ronald Kroesche  
Manager

Attachment

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cc: Irene M. Flannery  
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USAC

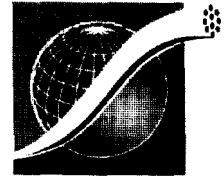
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## ATTACHMENT

385 Residential/Single-Line Business Lines

8 Multi-Line Business Lines

333 Working loops provided by Independent Networks

60 Working loops are purchased as Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) from Iowa Telecom

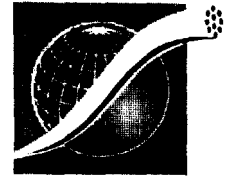
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June 22, 2001

John Ricker  
Executive Director  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: Independent Networks  
Initial Quarterly Report of Line Count Data

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Pursuant to Section 54.802(a) of the Commission's Rules and to establish its eligibility for receipt of Universal Service support, Independent Networks, a competitive local exchange carrier certified by the Iowa Commission as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (see attached certification) in the Armstrong, IA, wire center (CLLI-ARMSIAXODSO), hereby submits its initial quarterly submission of line count data. No UNE zones have been established in the Armstrong, IA.

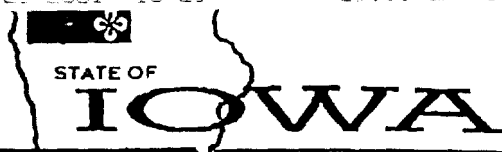
As of March 31, 2001, Independent Networks served 385 residential/single-line business lines and 8 multi-line business lines in the Armstrong, IA wire center. Three hundred thirty three (333) of the working loops reported herein are provided entirely with Independent Networks own facilities. Sixty (60) of the reported working loops are provided through purchase of unbundled network elements from Iowa Telecom, the incumbent local exchange carrier serving the same territory.

Please contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Kroesche*

Ronald Kroesche  
Manager



THOMAS J. VILSACK  
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LT. GOVERNOR

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INDEPENDENT NETWORKS, L.C.

Docket No. IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(4)

"ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER STATUS"

Issued June 15, 1999

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing document has been served upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of the rules of the Iowa Utilities Board.

Dated June 15, 1999

Shawnee Cameron

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

INDEPENDENT NETWORKS, L.C.

DOCKET NO. IOWA ADMIN.  
CODE 199-39.2(4)

**ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CARRIER STATUS**

(Issued June 15 , 1999)

On May 20, 1999, Independent Networks, L.C. (Independent), filed a request for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39 (1999). These rules provide the mechanism by which local exchange service providers in Iowa can be designated as eligible carriers that can receive support from the federal universal service fund established pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254. In order to be designated as eligible pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(3), the carrier must: (1) offer the services supported by the federal fund; (2) offer the services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale; (3) advertise the availability of the supported services; and (4) offer the supported services throughout its designated service area.

Based upon the information provided in Independent's request, the Utilities Board (Board) finds that Independent can be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

One of the supported services is toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers. IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(1)"i." Independent requests waiver of

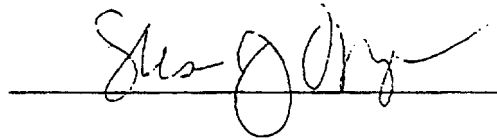
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this rule on the basis that the service is not available in the Independent switches. In prior dockets, the Board has waived this requirement because toll limitation is not readily available in many local switches. The Board has previously stated that it will waive this requirement until such time as toll limitation becomes reasonably available and the Board has issued an order approving a statewide implementation schedule. No such schedule has been approved, and the Board will waive the toll limitation requirement of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(1)"i" as applied to Independent.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The request of Independent Networks, L.C., to be designated as an eligible carrier pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2 is granted.
2. The waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(1)"i" requested by Independent Networks, L.C., is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**



ATTEST:

  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of June, 1999.